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SUBJ: PRESS CONFERENCE BY DRAFT EVADER

1. JOSEPH HEFLIN, WHO FLED FROM THE UNITED STATES TO FRANCE AFTER BURNING HIS SELECTIVE SERVICE CARD IN NOVEMBER 1970, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE QUAKER UNITED NATIONS HOUSE IN GENEVA JANUARY 25. HEFLIN, 31, IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS NATIVE OF NORFOLK, VA., AND SON OF THE LATE AUBREY N. HEFLIN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF RICHMOND. HEFLIN SAID HE NOW IS DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL QUAKER CENTER IN PARIS.

2. HEFLIN CAME TO GENEVA TO APPEAL TO THE OFFICE OF THE U.N. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) TO GRANT THE STATUS OF POLITICAL REFUGEES TO ALL U.S. VIETNAM WAR RESISTERS NOW LIVING IN EUROPE AND CANADA. UNHCR OFFICIALS TOLD HIM THEY COULD DO NOTHING IN THIS MATTER BECAUSE DRAFT EVADERS ARE NOT CONSIDERED POLITICAL REFUGEES. THEY SAID THAT IF INDIVIDUALS CAME TO THEM WITH SUCH A REQUEST, THEY WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE EACH CASE SEPARATELY.

3. HEFLIN ALSO SAID HE WOULD URGE COUNTRIES WHICH SIGNED THE HELSINKI CSCE ACT TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF UNCONDITIONAL AND UNIVERSAL AMNESTY AT THE BELGRADE CSCE REVIEW MEETING. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE SOVIET UNION, FRANCE AND SWEDEN AS THOSE HE HOPED WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION AT BELGRADE. CATTO
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